Suspension of corrupt officers

1745. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers belonging to various services and various Departments and Ministries etc., suspended or otherwise proceeded against for charges of corruption during last one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that still there are large number of officers who have assets disproportionate to their known sources of income but have managed to evade the anti-corruption net; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The figures relating to number of officer placed under suspension and number of officers against whom disciplinary proceedings were initiated by various disciplinary authorities are not centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) As and when cases related to officials having assets disproportionate to their known sources of income come to the notice of concerned authorities/agencies, appropriate action as per law is initiated against them.

Hurdles in enforcing RTI Act

†1746. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI MANOJ BHATACHARYA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the law regarding Right to Information has been implemented throughout the country *w.e.f.* 12th October, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that attention of Government has been drawn to certain hurdles in enforcing this law;

(d) if so, the hurdles brought to the notice of Government so far; and

(e) the names of the States wherein the said law could not be implemented, so far?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Right to Information Act, 2005 has become fully operational" from 12th October, 2005.

(c) and (d) Time and resource constraints are the major hurdles reported by the State Government;

(e) As per information presently available 13 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Uttaranchal and Tripura have taken action under section 4, 5 and 15 of the Act to implement it.

Raids by CBI

1747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI conducted country-wise raids at about 200 places and in 54 cities on the 30th September, 2005 against corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of officers of various departments raided by CBI and the unaccounted wealth detected;

(d) the departmental and other action taken against these corrupt officials;

(e) whether it is a fact that the plans for the CBI raid was leaked out a day prior to the actual raid; and

(f) whether the CBI has instituted any probe into the leak and if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) Yes, CBI has conducted a special Drive on 30.9.2005. During this Special Drive 59 cases have been registered against 76 public servants of various departments, Searches were conducted at 216 places in various cities throughout the country. However, it would not be appropriate to desclose the details of seizers etc. made during searches in the interest of investigation since the disclosure may affect the ongoing investigation adversely. Action, as per law, will be initiated against the corrupt officers/ officials depending on the out come of investigations.